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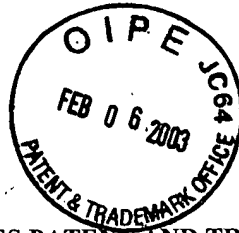
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated July 30, 2002, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 5, 14 and 27 without prejudice, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

In each of claims 2, 3, 7, 16, 17, 20 and 23, delete the reference to "claim 1" and insert therefor
--claim 6--.

A1

6 (amended). A composition for topical application to the skin comprising effective amounts of at least one protease inhibitor and at least one cell differentiation enhancer, in which the enhancer is sclareolide.

A2

10(amended). A composition for topical application to the skin comprising effective amounts of at least one protease inhibitor and at least one cell differentiation enhancer, which also contains cholesterol sulfate.

A3

15(amended). A composition for topical application to the skin comprising effective amounts of at least one protease inhibitor and at least one cell differentiation enhancer, and a self tanning agent in which the self-tanning agent is DHA.

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